

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 30, 2008 has been reviewed and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and amendments to the claims, if any, is respectfully requested

Claims 1-8 are pending and stand rejected.

Claims 9-15 had been withdrawn in response to a prior issued Restriction Requirement.

Claims 1-8 have been amended.

The Specification is objected to for the Title not being descriptive.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observations and has amended the Title and Abstract and has amended the Title and the Abstract to be more descriptive of the invention claimed.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tukude (USP no. 4, 702,566) in view of McLaughlin (US Re. 33,921).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the reason for rejecting the claims. However, applicant has elected to amend independent claim 1 to further recite that the through holes are opened at each end allow passage through said through holes. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment may be found at page 2, lines 1-6 ("... the display panel will reduce the amount of wind caught by panel [sic], reduce the amount of water collected on the panel and/or making washing easier.").

Tukude discloses a system that includes through holes that are within protrusions that separate a first and second substrate. With reference to Figure 5, which is recited in the Office Action, Tukude discloses that through hole 5 is contained within protrusion and that the through hole 5 is sealed at the top of each protrusion and filled with an electrolyte. The through holes 5 are filled to connect the transparent electrodes of the display substrate with parent electrodes on the display substrate.

Tukude fails to disclose the through hole 5 passing between two substrates, which is acknowledged by the Examiner (see OA, page 3, section 7) and that the through holes will allow the passage therethrough.

McLaughlin discloses through holes that are filled with a conductive element to allow connection between control element, element 66, and conductive elements 76.

Hence, even if the teachings of Tukude and McLaughlin were combined, the combination would include through holes that are filled with a conductive material to allow electrical connection between two elements (in the case of McLaughlin, between two elements on opposite surfaces of the panel).

However, neither Tukude nor McLaughlin provide any teaching or suggestion to maintain the through holes in a state that would allow passage therethrough as both Tukude and McLaughlin teach require a filled through hole to allow for an electrical connection between two elements. In fact, Tukude and McLaughlin utilize the through holes for a functional purpose of allowing conductive between elements of the panel.

In order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met, 1. there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or combine the reference teachings, 2. there must be a reasonable expectation of success; and 3. the prior art reference must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.

In this case, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been made as each of the elements recited in the claims is not disclosed by the combination of Tukude and McLaughlin.

For the amendments made to the independent claims and for the remarks made herein, applicant submits that the combination of Tukude and McLaughlin fails to include all the elements recited in the claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and the independent claims allowed.

With regard to the rejection of the remaining claims, each of these claims depends from the independent claim and, hence, is not rendered obvious by the combination of the combination of Tukude and McLaughlin for at least their dependency upon an allowable base claim.

For the remarks and the amendments to the claims made, herein, applicant submits that the reasons for the objections and rejections have been overcome and respectfully requests that the objections and rejections be withdrawn.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are in allowable form and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone given below.

No fees are believed necessary for the timely filing of this paper.

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